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Claim 1 is in the case and is presented for reconsideration.

Claims 2-21 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 22-31 are new and are presented for consideration.

Applicants submit that the application as now amended is in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the examiner pass the application to allowance at the earliest convenience.

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Version of Claims With Markings To Show Changes Made

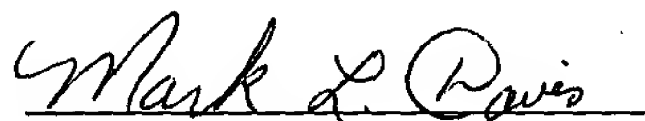
1. (Amended) A carpet composition, recyclable without a separation step, having from 50 to 100 percent polymeric material comprising:

- a) a tufted primary backing having a primary backing and tufts of carpet fibers penetrating a bottom surface of the primary backing and protruding from a top surface of the primary backing;
- b) a secondary backing material; and
- c) an [extruded] adhesive material [or a coextrusion of two or more extruded adhesive materials] binding an upper surface of the secondary backing material to the bottom surface of the primary backing;

[wherein the carpet fibers, primary backing material and secondary backing material are selected from the group consisting of polypropylene, polyester, acrylics, polyethylene, polyamide, nylon, wool, cotton, rayon and combinations thereof;

and] wherein the adhesive material comprises [an amorphous polyethylene copolymer selected from the group consisting of ethylene methyl acrylate, ethylene normal butyl acrylate, and blends of two or more polyethylene copolymers] a blend comprising an ethylene methyl acrylate copolymer and at least one polymer selected from the group consisting of low density polyethylenes, linear low density polyethylenes, high density polyethylenes, ultra low density polyethylene, ethylene-propylene copolymers, elastomers, styrenic copolymers of butadiene, styrenic copolymers of acrylonitrile, styrenic copolymers of ethylene, metallocene based polyethylenes, polyester, ethylene acrylic acid copolymers, ethylene methyl acrylic acid copolymers, butyl acrylate copolymers, ionomers, polyamides, and maleic anhydrides.

Respectfully submitted,



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